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Major Cornelius A. Batts Deputy Commander Pittsburgh District



Major Cornelius Batts joined the Pittsburgh District as the deputy commander Oct. 1, 2015. As the deputy commander, he manages the district's mission within the Ohio River Basin, which includes 328 miles of navigable waterways on the Allegheny, Monongahela, and upper Ohio Rivers. Pittsburgh District's 26,000-square miles include portions of western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio, western Maryland, and southwestern New York. The district's infrastructure includes 23 navigation locks and dams, 16 multi-purpose flood damage reduction reservoirs, 80 local flood reduction projects and other projects to protect and enhance water resources. With 148 years of experience, the Pittsburgh District has developed expertise to accomplish its varied civil works missions in the areas of navigation, flood damage reduction, recreation, water supply, environmental restoration, hydropower, storm damage reduction, regulatory, and emergency response.

Maj. Batts, a native of North Carolina, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1991 serving in the engineer branch in various troop-leading positions for 11 years. Maj. Batts held various troop-leading positions during his enlisted service while serving in the following units: 79th and 94th EN BNs (Germany); 62nd EN BN (Ft Sill); 84th EN BN (Hawaii); and the United States Disciplinary Barracks (Ft Leavenworth, KS). Maj. Batts commissioned through Officer Candidate School (Fort Benning, GA) in August 2002.

Prior to coming to Pittsburgh, Major Batts served as a plans officer with the 1st Theater Sustainment Command at Fort Bragg, NC. While assigned to Fort Bragg, Major Batts also served as the chief of Plans, chief of Operations and Headquarters Company Commander under the 20th Engineer Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps. Maj. Batts previous assignments include Commander Security Forces Advisor and Assistance Team, Afghanistan; Military Transition Team Engineer Combat Advisor, Iraq; assistant brigade engineer, 3d Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT), 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO; and Platoon Leader, 1-68 Combined Arms Battalion, 3d HBCT, Fort Carson, CO.

His education accomplishments include the award of Bachelor of Applied Science and Technology in Engineering from Thomas Edison State College, Trenton NJ; and award of Masters of Science in Building Construction (Integrated Project Delivery) from Georgia Institute of Technology. His military education accomplishments include graduations from, Officers Candidate School, Engineer Officer Basic Course, Engineer Captains Career Course, and U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Maj. Batts awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Good Conduct Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Star), NATO Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (2 device), Overseas Service Ribbon (2 device), Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

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